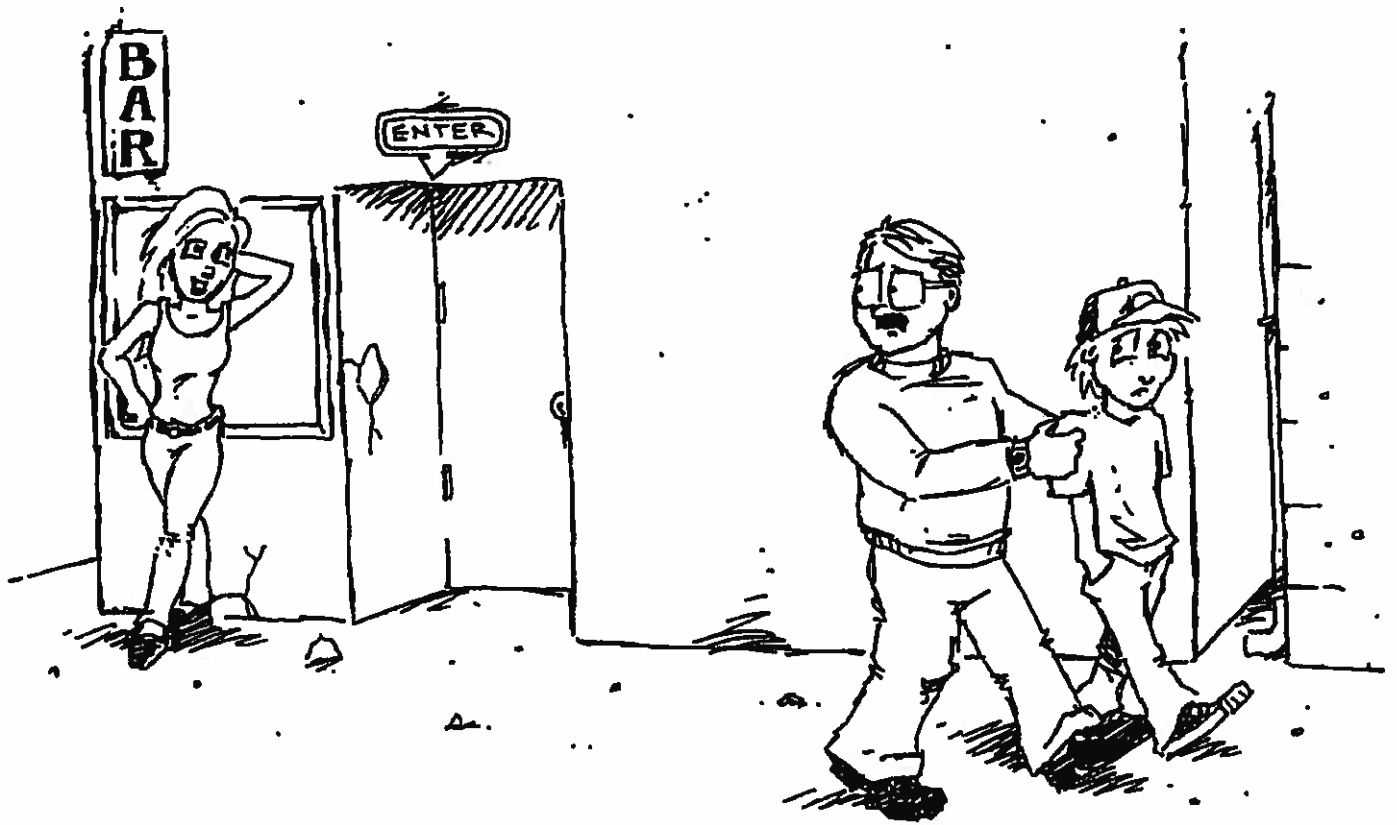


# HEAR, MY SON, ABOUT THE STRANGE WOMAN



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Lesson #9

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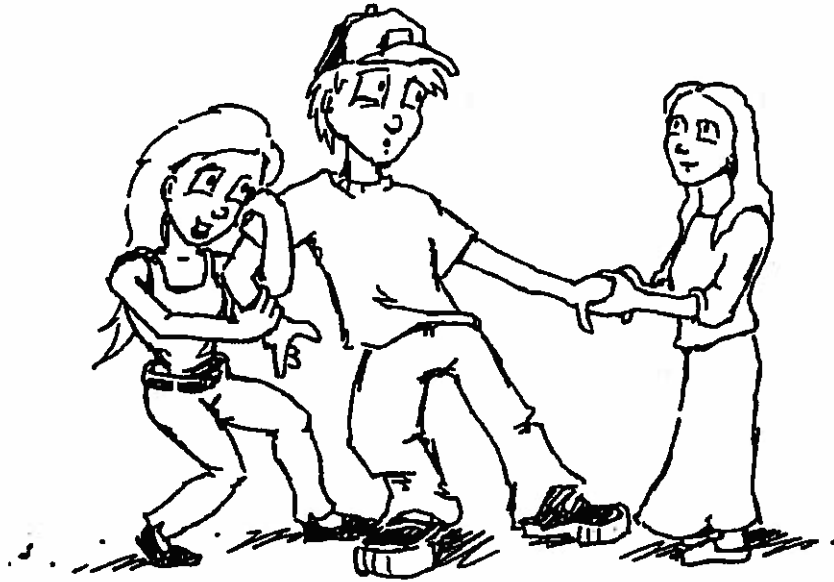
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When a father mentions something and then spends time talking to his son on the topic repeatedly, it is obviously of great importance. In Proverbs, chapters 2-9, the father instructs the son in four extended passages on perhaps the greatest danger that the son will face in his life, the danger of strange women.

In Proverbs 1 and 2 the father has already instructed the son concerning evil companions. In Proverbs 2:16-19 he introduces the topic of the "strange woman." The father follows his introductory thoughts with longer paragraphs (5:15-21; 6:24-35; 7:1-27), where he goes into detail concerning her character, her conduct and her end. He counsels the son on the consequences of getting involved with her and on how to avoid her.

"Lady Wisdom" tells us in Proverbs 7:7 that it is the young men, the sons, who are the prey of these evil women. She further describes the targeted ones as simple youths who lack judgment. These naive young men lack experience in discerning character. They respond without reasoning and thinking through the possible consequences of their actions. For this reason the father spends considerable time giving instruction to his son concerning the strange woman.





**I. THE IDENTITY OF THE STRANGE WOMAN**

She is described as a "strange woman" in these verses: Prov. 2:16; 5:3; 5:20; 6:24; 7:5. This seems to indicate that she was possibly a foreigner from another country but it is more fitting to see her as "one who is outside the circle of proper relations (with her husband), i.e, a harlot or an adulteress." She is a foreigner to a righteous husband-wife relationship.

A. Proverbs 7:10 describes the clothes of these women. What word is used to describe her heart? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Look up the definition of the word above and write it out.

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C. "Guide" can be translated "friend." How is she described in Proverbs 2:17?

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D. Who do you think was the "guide of her youth" that she forsook? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. THE CONDUCT OF THE STRANGE WOMAN

A. She is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with her words (2:16; 6:24; 7:5).

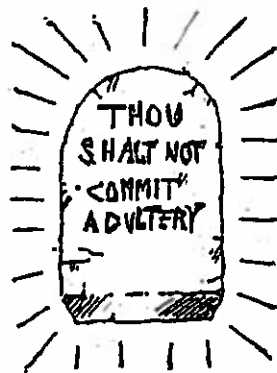
From the beginning of this study the father has instructed the son "to hear" him. The son was not to listen to the "enticing words of sinners" (1:10), but "Receive my words!" was the father's counsel.

With the father's instruction comes another warning to protect his son against the smooth talk and flattering words of the strange woman. She is deceitfully smooth in her words, saying things just to lure her prey into her lustful trap.

B. She is disloyal and unfaithful to her \_\_\_\_\_ and to her \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17).

She "forsaketh the guide of her youth," that is, her husband. He was the guide (friend) of her youth to whom she was being unfaithful by enticing men to give up their purity for acts of physical pleasure.

She "forgetteth the covenant of her God." This seems to not only refer to breaking the marriage covenant that she made with her husband before God, but also the breaking of the covenant of God to his people. She is unfaithful to her God by breaking the seventh commandment.



1. Write out the seventh commandment:

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2. Find a Bible dictionary or a regular dictionary and define "covenant."

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C. She lacks \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_,  
and is \_\_\_\_\_ (7:11,12).

Described is a woman who doesn't even know where she is going. She has no discernment to see where the path of her feet are taking her. Her ways are so changeable that she has no consistent direction. Yet she is surely on a path that will destroy her and any who takes it with her. Proverbs 7:12 says, "she lieth in wait at every corner." Her feet are described as abiding not at home (7:11). She is always on the go looking for her next victim.



D. She relies on \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

The strange woman can be identified often by her outward appearance. She generally has some degree of beauty because the son is warned in Proverbs 6:25 against lusting "after her beauty." She fixes up the outside by making the eyes and the body more seductive. Little is said concerning the "attire of an harlot" (Proverbs 7:10), but we must assume that "immodesty" would describe it. Her eyelids may have been painted like Jezebel's face (II Kings 9:30). There was some unnatural attraction that she brought to herself by her eyes.

E. She is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (7:11).

The strange woman can be identified by her boisterousness. She is loud rather than meek and quiet in spirit (I Peter 3:4). Her rebelliousness can be seen by her lack of obedience to authority. She not only disregards her husband's authority but also the authority of her God.

F. She is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ (7:14).

She appears to be religious and might claim a right relationship with God. She offers very pious words to her prospective lover. She tells him, "this day I have paid my vows to God" (7:14). She had made her "peace offerings that day" and invites her victim to join in the feast with her. She may be using food and herself as a lure to a very sinful activity. Just because a person attends church does not mean that they are exempt from being a seducer, nor from being seduced.



G. She lures through all the senses (Proverbs 7:10-21; cf. I John 2:16).

Look up the verses below and fill in the "lure." Then list which sense (*TOUCH, SIGHT, SMELL, HEARING, OR TASTE*) to which she appealed.

LURES

SENSES

7:10 \_\_\_\_\_

7:11 \_\_\_\_\_

7:13 \_\_\_\_\_

7:14 \_\_\_\_\_

7:17 \_\_\_\_\_

### III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF FALLING TO THE STRANGE WOMAN.

A. He will face an untimely \_\_\_\_\_.

Death in Proverbs primarily means a premature death. Just as a righteous life generally extends one's life, so an unrighteous life will shorten one's life. In Proverbs 2:18-19, 5:11, and 7:26-27, the father is warning the son of premature death to those who fall to the strange woman.

He will expose his body to many destructive sexual diseases (5:11). Anyone involved in immoral sexual sins will open himself to contacting venereal diseases that could destroy his body. Many of these can be terminal, while others shorten a person's life or cause major health problems.





B. He will come to \_\_\_\_\_(6:26).

Proverbs 6:26 tells us the man who is seduced by the evil woman is "brought to a loaf of bread." He loses his money and possessions and is reduced in earthly value to that of a loaf of bread.

C. He will eventually have remorse over a foolish lifestyle (5:12-14).

When the naive youth comes to physical, spiritual, emotional, social, and financial poverty because of his involvement with the strange woman, he will usually have great remorse over the way he has lived. He will question how he could have rejected the instruction of his teachers. Proverbs 5:14 indicates a social stigma in his relationship to the righteous.



#### IV. WISE COUNSEL TO THE SON.

A. He is to stay away from her area.

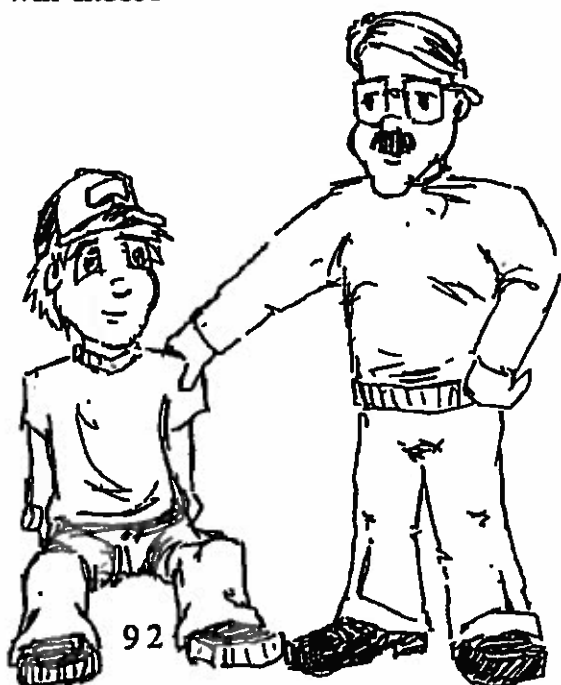
Proverbs 5:8 instructs the son to remove his way far from her. The son should not frequent neighborhoods, places of amusement, or businesses where these woman make their appeals. Proverbs 7:25 warns to not go astray in her paths.

B. He is to make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the woman in his life (7:4,5).

In these verses wisdom is to be the son's sister and understanding the son's kinswoman. Two against one is always good odds! In this case it will keep the son from the strange women.

C He is to listen to the words of his father (7:1).

Proverbs 7:1 reminds the son again to keep his father's commandments and live. He should keep them close at hand and be constantly reminded of them. The promise to the son is life, which the wise son will choose.



## FATHER-SON INTERACTION ACTIVITY

1. *THERE ARE OTHER VERSES IN PROVERBS WHICH DESCRIBE UNGODLY WOMEN. LOOK UP THE VERSES AND LIST EACH DESCRIPTION.*

REFERENCE

DESCRIPTION

7:26

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11:22

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12:4

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14:1

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21:9

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22:14

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23:27,28

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25:24

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27:15

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27:16

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2. LIST THE POSITIVE INSTRUCTION THAT WILL KEEP ONE FROM THE STRANGE WOMAN.

REFERENCE

INSTRUCTION

1:10

1:15

1:33

3:1

3:7

3:21

4:5,6

4:13

4:25

4:26

8:32-34

9:6

## FATHER-SON INTERACTION ACTIVITY

WHAT DO YOU THINK PROVERBS 7:22,23 MEANS? \_\_\_\_\_

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THINK ABOUT THESE VERSES IN RELATION TO SOME BIBLE CHARACTERS.  
HOW DID EACH HANDLE THE TEMPTATION AND WHAT WAS THEIR END?

1. Samson (Judges 16) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. David (II Samuel 11:1-21; 12:19; Psalm 51) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Solomon (I Kings 11:1-13) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Joseph (Genesis 39:7-21) \_\_\_\_\_

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**FATHER-SON INTERACTION ACTIVITY**

1. DEFINE MODESTY (PERTAINING TO WOMEN'S DRESS STANDARDS) FROM A  
DICTIONARY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
FROM THE BIBLE

2. DESCRIBE THE IMMODEST WOMAN

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\_\_\_\_\_  
3. LOOK THROUGH A SEARS CLOTHING CATALOG AND POINT OUT LADIES'  
DRESSES AND PLAY CLOTHES OF MODESTY AN IMMODESTY.

4. THE NEXT TIME YOUR FAMILY IS IN A LARGE CITY, CONSIDER DRIVING  
BY THE PLACES WHERE STRANGE WOMEN DO THEIR "BUSINESS". FROM  
YOUR CAR SEE IF FAMILY MEMBERS CAN SPOT ANY BY THEIR APPEARANCE  
OR ACTIONS. REMIND YOUR FAMILY OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO THE MEN  
WHO FALL PREY TO THESE STRANGE WOMEN.

**FATHER-SON INTERACTION ACTIVITY**

MEMORIZE PROVERBS 7:1 AND 5. QUOTE IT TO EACH OTHER. CHECK HERE  
WHEN COMPLETED.

FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

SON \_\_\_\_\_